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FOR:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING SYNTACTIC FOAM THERMAL INSULATION TO A LENGTH OF PIPE		

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the claims in this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 9 as follows:

9. A method of forming an insulating product for a length of pipe, said method comprising the steps of:
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co-extruding an inner syntactic foam insulator and an outer protective cover; and rapidly solidifying said protective cover.

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